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SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Examiner: M. C. Hoffman

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.